



**National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior**

Sequoia - Kings Canyon National Parks

Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements, and other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority

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In accordance with the regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES. AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain activity:

Public Use Limits:

The Pinewood Picnic Area is closed to all use from dusk to dawn, except by permit.

The Giant Forest area has a long history of bear problems that goes back to at least the 1920's. It typically was one of the worst areas in the park for bear problems of every type: bears breaking into cars, cabins, and the cafeteria; bears bluff charging visitors; bears stealing food; and occasionally bears injuring visitors. When the buildings were removed the human food source was eliminated and the bear problem decreased significantly. The bears, however, did not leave the area and they will be attracted to food items in the Pinewood Picnic Area. Keeping food items away from bears at night is more difficult than during the day because staff is not on duty to patrol and provide food storage information, and trash may not be properly disposed of.

The Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road, when the Park's shuttle bus system is in operation and closure signs are posted, is closed to single vehicles over 22 feet long and all combination vehicles.

The closure provides increased visitor safety by decreasing the chances of motor vehicle accidents; and reducing emergency response times by limiting the number of large vehicles on this narrow road, while still providing access opportunities to all park visitors.

The Mineral King Road is closed to motorized vehicles, except where provided by permit, deed of right-of-way, or administrative use, from November 1 until the Friday preceding Memorial Day Weekend at the Mineral King Road Gate near the Sequoia National Park boundary.

The purpose of this gate is to deter access to illegal marijuana growing, to insure public health and safety, and to protect natural and cultural resources.

Closures:

The following roads are closed to public vehicular traffic during the winter months:

- The Mineral King Road, above the Conifer Gate at milepost 17.64, from November 1 until the Friday preceding Memorial Day weekend.
- The Middle Fork Road from Hospital Rock to Buckeye Flat Campground and to the old corral area at the Middle Fork Trailhead.
- The Crystal Cave Road.
- The Crescent Meadow / Moro Rock Road.
- The Redwood Saddle Road.
- The Panoramic Point Road.
- All roads within the Cedar Grove area.

These roads are closed due to snow accumulations and/or muddy conditions, and there is no winter maintenance on these roads to keep them passable to vehicular traffic. Trash collection service, water, and other visitor services are not available along these road corridors during the winter months. Staff to meet these needs, provide for visitor services and resource protection throughout the winter months is cost prohibitive. Unlimited vehicular access on an unmaintained road during the winter months can adversely affect the condition of the road surface, damaging it, and increasing both the time and cost needed to recondition the road in the spring

All roads within the Dillonwood Grove area beyond locked gates.

Dillonwood is a recent acquired property of Sequoia National Park. The area was a small community and is now owned by the park. All properties are currently under evaluation for use. The roads, buildings and use areas are not maintained. For visitor safety, the area is closed to vehicular traffic.

The following areas are closed to public entry, except when accompanied by a park official, or when entry is authorized by the Superintendent:

- All facilities and buildings used for the storage, treatment, or transmission of electricity, gas, telephone, waste disposal, and domestic water. The roads that service these facilities are also closed to public access when gated and posted.

These facilities are closed to public entry to ensure both employee and visitor safety.

- All park helibases and helispots.

The reason for this closure is for both employee and visitor safety. Operations involving helicopters, especially during takeoffs and landings, are regarded as hazardous. Standard operating practices set forth in both the Department of Interior Manual and the Interagency Helicopter Operations Guidelines require that the access of persons and their movement around helicopter operations be strictly controlled.

- All management class 4, 5, and 6 caves. Reference: Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Cave Management Plan, approved January 1999.

These caves are closed to public entry because for the following reasons:

- Class 4 – These caves have been recently discovered and require further exploration and/or inventory of features to evaluate how they should be managed, or they have been known for years but have not been sufficiently inventoried.*
- Class 5 – These caves contain paleontological, archeological, biological, or other resources of special scientific value that would be easily altered, even by careful use of the cave.*
- Class 6 – These caves are closed to all use because of extreme, unavoidable hazards (rockfall, disease, dangerous atmosphere, etc.) for even the most skilled caver.*

The following former roads, which are located in recommended or eligible wilderness, are closed to public vehicular traffic, including bicycles:

- The Colony Mill Trail from the Crystal Cave Road to the Sequoia National Park boundary.
- The North Fork / West Boundary Trail from Yucca Flat to Hidden Spring.
- The Redwood Canyon Trail.

These former roads, which are located in recommended or eligible wilderness, have been closed by locked gates and/or boulder placements to protect natural and cultural resources from illegal activities and the effects of unauthorized vehicles. These closures are also necessary to protect the backcountry experience of park visitors seeking solitude and quiet. The Colony Mill Trail, the North Fork / West Boundary Trail, and the Redwood Canyon Trail are located in an area recommended for wilderness designation, and are presently being managed as wilderness. The Wilderness Act prohibits wheeled vehicle access.

Areas around and on Moro and Chimney Rocks are subject to seasonal closures in order to protect nesting Peregrine Falcons. The closures are from April 17 through August 30, during which time closure status is posted on the bulletin boards in each area's parking lot. If a closure has been lifted, the closure posting will be removed from the area's bulletin board.

CHIMNEY ROCKS SEASONAL AREA CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:

Being within ¼ mile of the border between the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the National Park Service (NPS) occupied by Chimney Rock, as defined by the following points along this border:

The following describe a triangle that encompasses the area closure:

From 332897e, 4058397n southeasterly along the USFS/NPS border to 333321e, 4057713n (GPS Data Format UTM NAD83)

From 333321e, 4057713n northwesterly, in a straight line to 332486e, 4058128n (GPS Data Format UTM NAD83)

From 332897e, 4058397n in a straight line southwesterly to 332486e, 4058128n (GPS Data Format UTM NAD83)

See Attachment 2 for map of the Chimney Rock Closure Area.

This closure includes, but is not limited to, the following climbing areas: Chimney Rock and Chimney Spire, The Monk, Camp Ridge (Crystal Wall), and Chartreuse

Dicephalon. Access to Sasquatch Spire, Moccasin Ridge, and Moccasin Spire is also closed during closures.

MORO ROCK SEASONAL AREA CLOSURE DESCRIPTION:

The entire rock structure is closed to climbing except the area accessed by stairs that is enclosed by railings.

If it is determined that an area is not occupied by Peregrine falcons, its closure will be lifted.

Chimney and Moro Rocks have been traditional nesting sites for Peregrine Falcons, and are expected to continue to be nesting sites in the future. Peregrine Falcons are an endangered species in California; they are extremely sensitive to human activity and may abandon their nests if disturbed. When upset they have been known to dive bomb intruders. Closures protect both visitors and the falcons.

Climbing or attempting to climb Giant Sequoia (Sequoiadendron giganteum) trees.

Giant Sequoia trees are found only on the western slope of the southern Sierra Nevada. Many of the world's finest specimen are located within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Every effort is made to protect them from potential damage and for park visitors to view them undisturbed by other humans.

Soda Springs Creek drainage (in southern Sequoia National Park) is closed to fishing.

*Soda Creek is closed to all fishing to protect a sensitive population of Little Kern Golden Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss whitei*).*

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions:

The use of flotation devices, boats, or rafts is prohibited on the South Fork of the Kings River from Bubbs Creek Bridge downstream to the Kings Canyon National Park boundary.

The management of this portion of the South Fork of the Kings River must meet the needs of all park users; including but not limited to photographers, fishermen, and those visitors wishing to see undisturbed sections of a free flowing river. The use of flotation devices, boats, and rafts is contrary to the needs of other park users. This closure is also necessary due to safety hazards – such as fallen trees – to floaters, boaters, and rafters. Removal of these hazards would be contrary to park resource management policy, so this portion of river is unsafe for floating, boating, or rafting.

Generators may not be used in the following areas of Lodgepole and Dorst Campgrounds: sites 36- 60 (RV's and tents) and sites 69 – 150 (tents only) in Lodgepole; and sites 74 – 127 (tents only) in Dorst.

The use of generators adds an unnatural sound to a natural setting and experience. By restricting the areas in which generators may be used, parties using generators and those preferring a natural ambiance will both have the opportunity to enjoy their park camping experience.

Generators maybe used in Lodgepole and Dorst Campgrounds only during the following hours: 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.; and in designated sites.

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Passenger buses are subject to the following condition/restriction on all park roads within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks: Buses must shut down their engines when not underway. Buses are allowed to idle up to 15 minutes to allow the driver to complete their legally required Pre-Trip Vehicle Inspection. All other idling shall not exceed 5 minutes.

The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by park visitors of the stillness and tranquility of the park. This regulation conforms to state bus regulations.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:

- §1.5(d) The following activity(s) related to Public Use Limits:
The use of the Pinewood Picnic Area from dusk to dawn
- §2.4(d) Carrying or possessing a weapon, trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection (Take plant, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals)
- §2.10(a) The following camping activity(s):
Overnight camping in non-developed areas
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.15(e) Possession of pets by park residents
- §2.17 Aircraft and Air Delivery
 - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.23(b) The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71)
 - Entrance fees
 - Daily fees for camping in developed campgrounds

- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51, and §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, ceremony, and similar events
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions or views
- §2.52(a) Sale or distribution of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising
- §2.60(b) Livestock use (except day use)
- §2.61(b) Residing on federal lands
- §2.62 Memorialization:
 - (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from Regional Director)
 - (b) Scattering human ashes from human cremation
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution)
- §5.2(b) Sale of intoxicants on private lands
Note: This section requires that the permit be issued from the Regional Director for the sale of liquor on private lands under the legislative jurisdiction of the United States.
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.4(a) Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles
- §5.5(a) Commercial photography/Filming:
 - (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
 - (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within and adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §5.10(a) Operation of eating, drinking or lodging establishments
- §7.8
 - (c)(1)(i)(b) Construct, rebuild, or alter any building, water supply or sewage disposal system
 - (e)(2) Snowmobile use – limited to providing access to owners of private property in Wilsonia and Mineral King

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

PART 2 – RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(4) **Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the parks in the following areas:**

All areas except:

- Kaweah River drainage, above 9,000 feet elevation.
- Kern River drainage, above 11,200 feet elevation.
- Kings Canyon National Park, above 10,000 feet elevation.
- Hamilton Lakes
- Granite Basin
- Nine Lakes Basin
- Those Sequoia groves, identified in §2.10 and §2.13 of this compendium, where wood fires are prohibited.

- (c)(1),(2) **The following fruits, nuts, and berries may be gathered by hand for personal consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use consumption:**

- Blackberries – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Billberries (Huckleberries) – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Currants – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Elderberries – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Fungi, edible – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, must be cut (not pulled)
- Gooseberries – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Raspberries – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Strawberries – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption
- Thimbleberries – 1 pint per person per day, wherever found, for immediate consumption

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

- (d) **The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:**

The carcass must be tagged in accordance with state law; and

Game must be kept out of sight as much as practicable; and

Legally taken wildlife may only be transported in the following areas:

- On Highway 180 through Grant Grove, and the Generals Highway to Highway 180 in Grant Grove to leave the park by the most direct route without delay from adjacent

National Forest lands, and Hume Lake, Wilsonia and park residents to access their private residences.

- The Cedar Grove Road from the park boundary to private residences within the park by park residents only.
- Those portions of the Generals Highway from either park boundary to Lodgepole by park residents only.
- The Generals Highway from the Ash Mountain Entrance to private residences within the park by private landowners and park residents.
- The Mineral King Road from the park boundary to private residences within the park in Silver City, cabin permittees, and park residents only.
- On backcountry trails where wildlife was harvested outside the park and this is the only reasonable route back to the trailhead. Hunters must have a valid firearms permit, issued from the park, if they have weapons.

NOTE: Title 16 United States Code §62 specifically provides that mere possession of dead animals or animal parts within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks constitutes prima facie evidence that said animal was taken illegally within the park. The responsibility to prove that the animal was lawfully taken rests, therefore, with the hunter.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

All areas of the park.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(a) State fishing regulations apply, with the following exceptions:

Fishing in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park in areas below 9,000 feet in elevation and more than one quarter of a mile from developed areas:

(a)(1) State fishing regulations apply to all species that may be taken, with the following exceptions:

- Rainbow Trout, Sacramento Sucker, Kern Rainbow, Sculpin, and Roach fish (i.e. native species of the park) must be released.
- Artificial flies or lures with barb-less hooks are required.

(b) Fishing in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park in areas at or above 9,000 feet in elevation and/or within one quarter of a mile of developed areas:

(b)(1) State fishing regulations apply.

(c) Soda Springs Creek is closed to fishing.

Developed areas, for the purpose of this regulation, include areas within one quarter of a mile of buildings, campgrounds, picnic areas or parking lots that accommodate more than five (5) vehicles.

36 CFR §2.10(a) – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

Designated Campgrounds:

Potwisha	Sunset
Buckeye Flat	Azalea
Lodgepole	Crystal Spring
Dorst Creek	Sheep Creek
Cold Spring	Sentinel
Atwell Mill	Canyon View
South Fork	Moraine

- Camping in designated campgrounds is limited to 30 days total during the calendar year, with no more than 14 of the 30 days falling between June 14th and September 14th.
- Campground use expanded amenity fees, if applicable, shall be paid immediately upon arrival.
- Occupancy shall not exceed the limits as posted in each campground.
- Check out time is 12:00 noon.

Backcountry/Wilderness Camping:

- Camping in the following areas is restricted to designated sites or users:

Bearpaw Meadow	Paradise Valley
Emerald Lake Basin	Pear Lake Basin
Upper & Lower Funston Meadow – stock users only	

- Camping in the following areas is restricted as noted:

Heather and Aster Lakes Basin – Closed to all camping
Bullfrog Lakes – Closed to all camping within ¼ mile of the lake or ponds
Charlotte Lake – Two night camping limit
Eagle Lake – No camping between the trail and the lake
Hamilton Lakes – Two night camping limit
Hockett Meadow – No camping between the trail and Whitman Creek
Kearsarge Lakes – Two night camping limit
Little Clair Lake – No camping within 100 feet of lake
Mosquito Lake #1 – Closed to all camping within ¼ mile of the lake
Paradise Valley – Two night camping limit within the valley
Rae Lakes – Two nights per lake
Redwood Canyon – Ten person, two night limit
Timberline Lake – Closed to all camping

- All persons remaining overnight in wilderness areas must have in their possession a valid Wilderness Use Permit. This permit shall also serve as a valid campfire permit and, when so

endorsed in writing, may serve as a permit to take stock overnight into non-developed areas. Stock Use and Meadow Management requirements, as well as Minimum impact requirements accompanying such permit shall constitute terms and conditions of the permit and violation of such terms and conditions is prohibited.

- The maximum number of people allowed per camping party in SEKI wilderness areas is 15. Parties with separate wilderness permits but sharing the same affiliation (school, church, club, scout group, family, friends, etc. or combination thereof) may not travel or camp within one half mile of each other if the total number of people exceeds 15.
- The maximum number of stock allowed per camping party in SEKI wilderness areas is 20. Some meadows have more restrictive limits. Parties with separate wilderness permits but sharing the same affiliation (school, church, club, scout group, family, friends, etc. or combination thereof) may not travel or camp within one half mile of each other if the total number of stock exceeds either the 20 head limit or the more restrictive limit for that meadow.
- No person shall camp within SEKI wilderness areas for a period greater than 21 consecutive nights or for a cumulative total in excess of 63 days in any calendar year. Additionally, no person shall camp in the same location, within ¼ mile radius, for more than 14 consecutive nights.
- The posting of signs may further restrict overnight occupancy in certain wilderness areas. All persons shall obey such restrictions.
- The list below represents wilderness Sequoia groves and whether or not camping and fires are allowed:

<u>Grove</u>	<u>Camping</u>	<u>Wood Fires</u>
Oriole Lake	Yes	Yes
East Fork	Yes	Yes
Redwood Mountain	Yes	No
Redwood Canyon	Yes	No
Big Springs	Yes	No
Garfield	Yes	Yes
Castle Creek	Yes	Yes
Cahoon Creek	Yes	Yes
Horse Creek	Yes	Yes
Redwood Meadow	Yes	Yes
Eden Creek	Yes	Yes
Cedar Flat	Yes	Yes
Dennison	Yes	Yes
Devils Canyon	Yes	Yes
South Fork	Yes	Yes
Muir	No	No
Pine Ridge	Yes	No
Skagway	Yes	No
Suwanee	No	No
Dillonwood	No	No

(b)(1) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

At well-established, existing campsites.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

For the purpose of the following food storage restrictions, "food items" shall be defined as food (human, pet and stock), coolers and ice chests (with or without contents), garbage (empty cans and bottles, food wrappers, etc.), recyclables, first aid kits, cleaning solutions, drinks (canned or bottled), toiletries (soaps, toothpaste, cosmetics, scented tissues, etc.), insect repellants, tobacco products, and any other related scent items. Such items shall be stored or disposed of consistent with these regulations. Dirty non-disposable tableware and cookware must be washed or stored as a food item.

Developed Areas:

Food items must be stored in bear-resistant food-storage lockers where provided. Where food-storage lockers are not provided, the following conditions apply:

In residences and lodging: Food items must be stored inside and not be visible from the exterior of the building.

All other developed areas: Food items must be stored inside a vehicle trunk or, if the vehicle has no trunk, must be placed as low in the vehicle as possible, and covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed.

Hard-sided and hard-topped vehicles: Food items may be stored in such vehicles that contain built-in refrigerators, provided it is covered from sight with the vehicle doors and windows closed. Shades must be drawn when the vehicle is not occupied.

The counterbalance technique may not be used when space in a food-storage locker is available. Only those items as described above may be stored in food-storage lockers, and only when the owner is camped in the immediate area. No food and/or gear caches may be stored in food storage lockers.

Wilderness Areas:

Food items must be stored in one of the following ways:

- In a SEKI approved bear-resistant food storage container,
- In a bear-resistant food storage locker, or
- Suspended at least twelve feet above the ground and ten feet horizontally from a tree trunk or other vertical support using the SEKI counterbalance technique.

Portable SEKI approved food storage containers include commercially manufactured individual Food canisters or panniers, bear-proof food storage boxes, and/or steel drums with locking metal lids.

Backpackers camping above treeline and parties using stock are exempt from this requirement provided that a human, alert guard is maintained to safeguard food and garbage not stored as described above.

Specified Restricted Wilderness Areas:

Within the wilderness area bordered by the following landmarks: Sawmill Pass and the Woods Creek drainage on the north, Forester Pass and the Kings/Kern Divide on the south, the Sierra

Crest on the east, and Cedar Grove, South Fork of the Kings River, and Sphinx Crest on the west. All trail corridors and cross-country routes within the area are included in the restriction.

Within the Dusy Basin wilderness areas including all camp areas from Bishop Pass to the junction with the John Muir Trail in Leconte Canyon and all cross-country areas in Dusy Basin and Palisades Basin.

Within the Rock Creek wilderness areas of Sequoia National Park including all camp areas in the Rock Creek drainage, including Miter Basin, Soldier Lake, Siberian Outpost and Rock Creek proper. Specifically, the area is defined as areas (including cross country routes) in the Rock Creek drainage west of Cottonwood and New Army Passes, south of Crabtree Pass, south of Guyot Pass, and north-northwest of the Sequoia National Park boundary and Siberian Pass.

- From the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through October 31, all parties camping in the wilderness areas defined above must have SEKI approved bear-resistant food storage containers with the capacity to store all garbage, scent and food items. This applies to all groups, regardless of party size, whether hiking on trail or cross-country, whether traveling with stock or receiving stock support (i.e. drop trips and/or spot trips). All garbage, scent, and food items must be stored in these containers when food is not being used, prepared or consumed. Stock parties must have SEKI approved bear resistant panniers and/or steel drums with locking lids.
- Long distance through hikers on the Pacific Crest Trail with a valid wilderness permit must either carry SEKI approved bear-resistant food storage containers or stay at sites with food-storage lockers and store all garbage, scent and food items in those boxes.
- The techniques of counterbalancing or hanging food by other methods, or posting a guard to protect improperly stored food, are prohibited within the restricted areas described above, except when snow prevents access to food-storage lockers.

Food Storage restrictions apply to all persons in all areas of these parks.

Food, garbage, and equipment used to cook or store food must be stored properly when not attended or in control by the user.

36 CFR §2.13 - FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

Developed frontcountry campgrounds and picnic areas.

Park residential areas.

Backcountry and wilderness areas with a valid Wilderness Use Permit, **except** in the following areas:

- Kings Canyon National Park above 10,000 feet elevation and Granite Basin and Redwood Canyon.
- Kaweah River drainage above 9,000 feet elevation and Hamilton Lakes Basin, Mineral King Valley above the Mineral King Ranger Station, and Pinto Lake.

- Kern River drainage above 11,200 feet elevation, Little Claire Lake within ¼ mile of the lake, Little Five Lakes above 10,400 feet elevation, Lower Soldier Lake within ¼ mile of the lake, Milestone Basin and Kern headwaters (north of Milestone Trail junction) above 10,400 feet in elevation, Miter basin above 10,800 feet elevation, New Army Pass Trail above 10,800 feet elevation, Nine Lakes Basin and Upper Arroyo above 10,000 feet elevation, Tyndall Creek Frog Ponds within ¼ mile of the ponds, Tyndall Creek Crossing of the John Muir Trail within ¼ mile of the crossing, Wallace Creek crossing on the John Muir Trail within ¼ mile from the food storage locker at that location, Crabtree Ranger Station Meadow on the John Muir Trail within ¼ mile from the food storage locker at that location, the Wallace and Wright Creek drainages above 10,800 feet elevation except permitted up to Wallace Creek Waterfall Meadow at 10,860 feet elevation, and Lower Crabtree Meadow on the John Muir Trail within ¼ mile from the food storage locker at that location.
- Tule River drainage: Summit Lake Basin.

Established Conditions for Fires:

Permits to burn slash piles and/or debris may be issued to private property owners in Wilsonia and Oriole Lake, owners of recreational use cabins, and construction contractors on NPS lands except during periods of high to extreme fire danger or periods where the local air quality control district prohibits such burning.

36 CFR §2.15 - PETS

- (a)(1) Dogs, cats, and other pets on leash, crated, or otherwise under physical restraint are permitted in the park only within 100 feet of the edge of established roads or parking areas open to the public, and are permitted within established campgrounds and picnic areas; dogs, cats, and other pets are prohibited in the backcountry and on established trails.**
- (a)(3) Park residents may leave their pets tied and unattended within the boundaries of their yards.**
- (a)(5) Pet feces in campgrounds, campsites, residential areas, lawns, and around public buildings must be properly disposed of by the person responsible for the pet.**
- (e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:**
Residents may keep pets in accordance with the current SEKI Pet Policy [Management Directive No. 46] approved by the Superintendent. Such document is, by this reference, made part of these regulations.

These subparagraphs shall not apply to authorized service/guide dogs in performance of their duties or training, however leash requirements will apply to such dogs when applicable.

Authorized Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks search and rescue dogs are permitted on the following trails to provide preventative search and rescue education to the public:

- General Sherman Tree trail from the parking areas to the General Sherman Tree.

- General Grant Tree loop trail from the parking area to the General Grant Tree.

36 CFR §2.16- HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for the purposes of transporting equipment:

- Horses
- Mules
- Burros
- Llamas

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Routes and areas designated for the use of horses and pack animals are all areas except designated campgrounds, picnic areas, amphitheaters, paved roads and paved trails and such closures as identified in the annual Stock Use and Grazing Regulation handout.
- Stock Travel in Sixty Lakes Basin is restricted to the established trail to a point approximately 2.0 miles from the junction of the John Muir Trail with the Sixty Lakes Trail, and is only permitted as a day use activity.

(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding is allowed on the following trails/routes, subject to the following conditions noted:

Only as necessary for crossing steep rock passes or where exposure is great and there is danger of animals falling off the trail.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses and pack animals:

- Grazing is permitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the annual Stock Use and Grazing regulations handout, Stock Users Guide, and annual opening date's announcement. Specific meadow opening dates may change due to actual field conditions. It is the responsibility of the user to check on meadow status with the Wilderness Office before beginning a trip.
- The maximum number of stock allowed per party is 20. Some areas have lower limits as identified in the annual Stock Use and Grazing Regulation handout and in the Stock User's Guide.
- When confinement of stock is necessary, use existing hitch rails or a picket line between two trees or rocks on a flat, hard, non-vegetated site at least 100 feet away from the trail, water, and camp.
- All manure shall be removed and scattered from within 100 feet of campsites.
- Dead stock must be moved at least 300 feet from trails, designated campsites, water and water courses.

Reference: Stock Use and Meadow Management Plan, 1986.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

- (c)(1) The removal of downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the superintendent through written authorization.**

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, scooters, coasting vehicles, and similar non-motorized devices are allowed only in the following areas:

Within residential areas only.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

- (a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

- All government owned buildings and structures, including all restrooms, except:
Employees' residences with consent of the occupant(s).
Those areas specifically designated for smoking.
- All government owned or leased vehicles.
- Within 50 feet of gasoline pumps and flammable substance storage areas.
- While hiking or riding in the wilderness. Persons who wish to smoke must stop and remain in one location until they have extinguished their smoking material.

36 CFR §2.22- PROPERTY

- (a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in following areas and under the following conditions:**

Motor vehicles may be left unattended for up to 30 days at trailhead parking areas.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

- (a) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

Entrance Fee Areas:

Park entrance fees are collected at the following locations:

- Big Stump Entrance, *Grant Grove*
- Ash Mountain Entrance, *Ash Mountain*
- Lookout Point, *Mineral King*

Non-commercial park entrance fees are structured as follows:

- 7-day individual pass = \$10.00
- 7-day vehicle pass = \$20.00

- SEKI Annual Pass = \$30.00

Commercial park entrance fees are structured as follows:

- Vehicle with 26+ passengers = \$200.00
- Vehicle with 16 – 25 passengers = \$100.00
- Vehicle with 7 – 15 passengers = \$75.00
- Sedan with 1 – 6 passengers = \$25.00 plus the per person fee for each passenger

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

- Atwell Mill Campground = \$12.00
- Cold Springs Campground = \$12.00
- South Fork Campground = \$12.00
- Buckeye Flat Campground = \$18.00
- Potwisha Campground = \$18.00
- Azalea Campground = \$18.00
- Crystal Springs Campground = \$18.00
- Crystal Springs Mid-size Group Campsites: \$35.00
- Sunset Campground = \$18.00
- Sentinel Campground = \$18.00
- Sheep Creek Campground = \$18.00
- Canyon View Campground = \$18.00
- Canyon View Mid-size Group campsites: \$35.00
- Moraine Campground = \$18.00
- Lodgepole Campground = \$18.00 (\$20.00 when on the reservation system)
- Dorst Campground = \$18.00 (\$20.00 when on the reservation system)
- Dorst Group Campsites A, B, & E = \$40.00
- Dorst Group Campsite D = \$50.00
- Dorst Group Campsite C = \$60.00
- Sunset Group Campsites A & B = \$40.00
- Canyon View Group Campsites A,B,C, & D = \$40.00

A reduced Winter Fee applies during times when campsite amenities are reduced in some of the above campgrounds. Winter Reduced Amenity Fee = \$10.00

Backcountry Camping Fees:

- Per hiking group = \$15.00
- Per stock group = \$15.00

36 CFR §2.50 and §5.5 - SPECIAL EVENTS AND FILMING

Permits are required for any special event utilizing park areas. Special events are defined as sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainment, ceremonies, and similar events, or any event involving an organized gathering of 20 or more people (including non-profit or charitable organizations).

- A written application for a permit must be submitted to the Superintendent at least 30 days prior to the date desired for the event.

Consideration will be given only to those activities that contribute to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area or where there is a meaningful association between the park area and the event.

Special events such as walk-a-thons, races, endurance runs or competitive events, commercial or otherwise, are not permitted in wilderness areas.

The use of animals in filming operations requires a California State permit. American Humane Association guidelines for use and supervision of animals will be followed by the permittee.

36 CFR §2.51 - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS

Permits are required for any public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of opinions within the park.

Written applications for permits must be submitted to the Superintendent at least 48 hours prior to the date desired for the event. The activity must not conflict with any scheduled NPS function or program.

(e) Locations available for public assemblies are designated on maps, which are attached as appendices. The designated locations for these activities are:

- Ash Mountain – on the lawn adjacent to the picnic area that is directly across the Generals Highway from the Foothills Visitor Center as depicted on the site map.
- Mineral King – the area immediately south of the Mineral King Ranger Station as depicted on the site map.
- Lodgepole – the area southeast of the Lodgepole Visitor Center adjacent to the visitor parking lot as depicted on the site map.
- Grant Grove – the area next to the footpath just southeast of the Grant Grove restaurant as depicted on the site map.
- Cedar Grove – the east-west sidewalk on the north side of the Cedar Grove Lodge, excluding the intersection with the north-south sidewalk on the west side of the Cedar Grove Lodge as depicted on the site map.

And the following amphitheaters:

- Lodgepole Campground
- Dorst Creek Campground
- Sunset Campground in Grant Grove
- Cedar Grove

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) The scattering of ashes from cremated human remains is allowed only by permit , or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with specific terms and conditions:

The scattering of human ashes from cremation, without a permit, is allowed under the following terms and conditions:

- The remains to be scattered must have been processed by pulverization after cremation.
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 100 yards from any trail, road, developed facility, or body of water.
- The scattering of remains from the air is to be performed at a minimum altitude of 2000 feet above ground level.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.
- No markers are permitted.
- There will be no publicity given to this activity.

When a permit is issued, except for the authorization to disperse human remains by scattering, nothing in the permit shall be construed as authorizing an entry or activity otherwise prohibited or restricted by law or regulation.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

- (a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicles are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):**

Official Map and Guide for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLES LOAD, WEIGHT, AND SIZE LIMITS

- (a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:**

Generals Highway between Potwisha and Last Hill (Giant Forest):

- Single vehicles over 40 feet long are prohibited.
- Combination vehicles over 50 feet long are prohibited.

On the Crystal Cave Road:

All vehicular units with a cumulative length over 22 feet long are prohibited.

On the Moro Rock/Crescent Meadow Road, during the Park's Shuttle Bus season, when signed:

- Single vehicles over 22 feet long are prohibited.
- All combination vehicles are prohibited.

This exclusion shall not apply to the following vehicles:

- Government vehicles
- Park shuttle busses
- Vehicles with current/valid handicap placards displayed
- Vehicles with current/valid Commercial Use Authorizations (CUA) for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Motorhomes and trailers are prohibited in the following campgrounds and roads:

- Atwell Mill
- Cold Springs

- Buckeye Flat
- Canyon View
- Panoramic Point Road

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

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| (i) | 10 MPH: | Panoramic Point Road. |
| (ii) | 15 MPH: | <p>On the Generals Highway from just below Park Headquarters to the first curve past Park Headquarters and the Foothills Visitor Center where posted.</p> <p>On the Generals Highway in the vicinity of the Giant Forest Museum where posted.</p> <p>On the Generals Highway at the Lodgepole intersections, the Little Baldy Trailhead, the Dorst Campground entrance, and at Lost Grove where posted.</p> <p>On the Mineral King Road through Silver City where posted.</p> <p>On the Mineral King Road through Faculty Flat to just above the Mineral King Ranger Station where posted.</p> <p>On the Generals Highway at Tunnel Rock.</p> <p>On the Generals Highway at Hospital Rock Area.</p> <p>Grant Tree Road.</p> |
| (iii) | 20 MPH: | <p>Crescent Meadow Road</p> <p>Moro Rock Road</p> |
| (iv) | 25 MPH: | <p>On the Generals Highway from park headquarters through Giant Forest to the General Sherman Tree area where posted.</p> <p>On the Mineral King Road where posted.</p> <p>On the Crystal Cave Road where posted.</p> <p>On the Crescent Meadow / Moro Rock Road where posted.</p> <p>On Highway 180 where it passes through Grant Grove Village where posted.</p> <p>On the Redwood Saddle Road where posted.</p> |
| (v) | 30 MPH: | <p>On the Generals Highway from the end of Highway 198 to the Ash Mountain Entrance Station where posted.</p> <p>On the Generals Highway from the Ash Mountain Entrance Station to Park Headquarters where posted.</p> |

- (vi) 35 MPH: On the Generals Highway from the General Sherman Tree to the Red Fir Gate where posted.
- On the Wolverton Road where posted.
- On Highway 180 from the Big Stump Entrance Station to Grant Grove Village and from Grant Grove Village to the north park boundary where posted.
- On Highway 180 from the park boundary through the Cedar Grove area to Roads End where posted.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

- (a) **Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.**

The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zone, have been designated for bicycle use:

- The Shepherd Saddle Road from the government corrals to the park boundary.
- The Park Ridge Fire Road from near the Panoramic Point parking lot to the Park Ridge Fire Lookout.

36 CFR §4.31 - HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

The hitchhiker must be off the paved roadway on the shoulder, and visitor safety and traffic flow must not be adversely affected.

PART 7 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

36 CFR §7.8 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS, SEQUOIA and KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS

- (b)(1) **Fishing restrictions, based on management objectives described in the parks'**

Resource Management Plan, are established annually by the Superintendent as follows:

None this year

- (c)(1)(l)(b) **No person shall construct, rebuild, or alter any building, water supply or sewage disposal system without the permission of the Superintendent.**

- (d) **When cattle drives are permitted to occur in the park, dogs can be used to drive the cattle. Dogs must be controlled so that they do not kill, injure or molest humans or wildlife and may be destroyed if necessary for public safety or protection of wildlife, or other park resources.**

(e)(2) Snowmobile use will be limited to providing access to private property within the exterior boundaries of the park area, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued only to owners of such property.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 1ST AMENDMENT SITE MAPS
2. CHIMNEY ROCK SEASONAL PEREGRINE CLOSURE AREA MAP
3. SEKI MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE NO. 46 (PET POLICY)
4. SEKI MINIMUM IMPACT REGULATIONS: CAMPING
5. SEKI MINIMUM IMPACT REGULATIONS: STOCK USE